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a day at home - alone - at peace; the first order of business was to mix up a double batch of bread and put it in my canning kettle in the sun on the front stone to raise. Following the rain of the past couple of days, there has come some extraordinarily beautiful dry summer weather - breezy & dry, temperatures in the 70s and 80s, very low humidity; not a cloud in the sky. Having mixed up the bread I decided that my three bean patches on the perimeter of the Dunduff lawn needed some weeding and attention and so I went directly out and cut down the large weeds and grass at the edge of the beds and then carefully weeded and scratched up the soil in the 3 bean beds. I am confused as to varieties of bean that I have growing here. In the Central Dunduff bed I have bush & pole lima bean, among others, I believe. The three secondary bean beds have another variety I am fairly certain. In my enthusiasm for getting the ^{bean} seedlings in the ground, I got mixed up with labels. No matter, the mature product of each plant will tell me what I have planted. I also cut down ^{using the whip} many of the tall weeds in the area of the sunflower and squash & pumpkin on the Dunduff lawn. What a difference! The gourds and sunflowers in the Central Dunduff bed, as well as the gourds out back, are doing beautifully.

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Several of the gourd vines in the Dunduff bed are easily ten feet high. Such pleasure that gives me; a great many blossoms are also in evidence & a good number of small gourds are visible. Having taken care of the bean beds, I decided that the weeds and black-berry bushes and vines on the Elkdale lawn, towards the back of the property, had to be cut -- a forest was growing up where only last Fall a forest had been cut down, and so, over to the Elkdale lawn I went and, after several hours of hewing and hacking, openness prevails. The corn bed looks especially tall, now that I have cut down all the weeds and bushes and shrubs that were growing around the bed. As I cut down weeds and shrubs, Alvin Seaman & Co. went about their haying -- the field across from the Church was cut ^{to hay} for the second time this year. My guess is that the second-cutting hay will be used for silage, as was the first cutting. Country Chores - Alvin in his fields and SRP in his fields. After several hours of whipping away -- during which I punched down the bread dough twice and formed it into 12 small loaves -- I was, of course, bathed in sweat and so when I completed my gardening for the day, I went directly down to my bathing establishment and bathed completely and washed the clothes that I was wearing as I worked. I "came up" and put the small